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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4,6-7,9-13,15-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wheeldon et al (USPN 4,670,007) in view of Hadzic et al (USPN 5,910,135). Wheeldon discloses a strain gauge sensor (2), a container of sterile fluid (3), a peristaltic pump (7), a sterile tubing set (4), a processor (30) and a display (10). See figure 1 and 3:49-56; 4:22,35-39,63-5:11; 5:18-33; and 5:37,46-47,63-64. The device is capable of being used during any type of surgical procedure that would require a rapid administration of fluids including a cosmetic procedure such as lipoplasty. Regarding the pump, the pump has an adjustable speed control based on the weight of the fluid container.

Wheeldon does not disclose a method for accurately delivering sterile fluids for use in a cosmetic surgery such as lipoplasty or breast implantation that includes a pump that delivers or is capable of delivering fluid within the range of 30 ml/min to 1000 ml/min.

However, Hadzic discloses such a flow rate for intravenous infusion if a high flow rate is needed due to intraoperative bleeding, etc. See 7:45+.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious by one skilled in the art to enable the pump of Wheeldon to be adjusted to have a flow rate of 75ml/min. The motivation

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for the teaching is provided by Hadzic in that a high flow rate may be needed to treat intraoperative bleeding. The incorporation would have been done in order to enhance the performance of the device during a surgical procedure.

Claims 5,8,14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wheeldon in view of Hadzic. Wheeldon in view of Hadzic meets the claim limitations as described above for claims 1 and 10. Wheeldon in view of Hadzic does not teach the tubing set being made of polyvinyl chloride.

However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious by one skilled in the art to make the tubing set from polyvinyl chloride. Applicant has not disclosed that PVC solves a problem, is used for a particular purpose or provides an advantage. Furthermore, PVC is well known in the art of fluid delivery for medical purposes and would have been chosen for its excellent ability to withstand sterilization before use.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

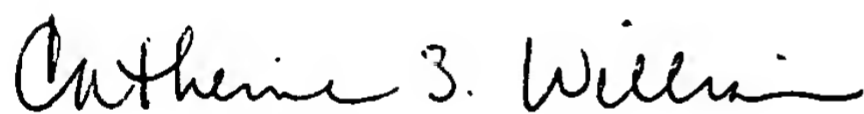
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine S. Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-4970. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas D. Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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